



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2632 **Sabinoso Wilderness Act of 2008**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

H.R. 2632 would designate over 16,000 acres of land in New Mexico as wilderness. Based on information provided by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2632 would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

The acreage to be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System is currently administered by BLM as a wilderness study area; no additional resources would be required to manage the land as a result of the final designation as wilderness. We expect that any costs to revise maps and signs to reflect the new designation would be minimal because most such revisions would take place in conjunction with scheduled reprinting and routine maintenance. Finally, we estimate that enacting the legislation would have no effect on BLM receipts.

H.R. 2632 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 2, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2632 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 14, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are very similar; neither version would have any significant estimated cost.

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